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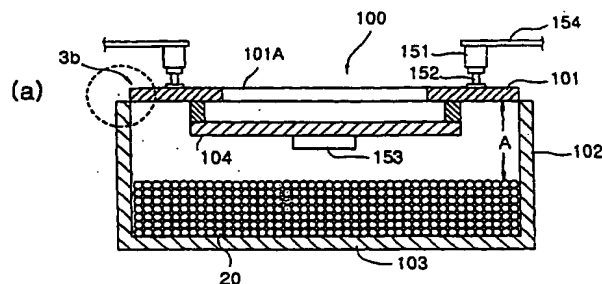
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(54) **Source for thermal physical vapour deposition of organic electroluminescent layers**

(57) The present invention disclosed the deposition source installed in a chamber, heated by applied electric power to transfer heat to a vapor deposition material received therein and applying a vaporized deposition material generated therein to a substrate to form deposition organic electroluminescent layers onto the substrate, and comprising a vessel consisted of a top plate on which a vapor efflux aperture is formed, a side wall, and a bottom wall; a heating means for supplying heat to the deposition material received in the vessel, the heating means being capable of moving vertically; and a means

for moving the heating means (or the bottom wall), the moving means (or the bottom wall) being operated in response to the signal of a sensing means on varied distances between the heating means and the surface of said deposition material. Thus, the heating means is moved downward (or the bottom wall) is moved upward by the moving means to maintain the distance between the heating means (or the substrate to be coated) and the surface of the deposition material at an initially-set value when the thickness of the deposition material is decreased.

FIG. 3





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1. claims: 1-8

This invention is directed to a system comprising a vapour deposition chamber, a source material for depositing an electroluminescent coating by vapour deposition, a vessel heated by a suitable heating means, sensor means to provide information as to the distance between the heating means and the surface of the deposition material, wherein the special technical feature is considered to reside in the regulation of the temperature of the surface of the heated source material by controlling the distance between the said heating means and the surface of the said source material.

2. claims: 9-17

This invention is directed to a system comprising a vapour deposition chamber, a source material for depositing an electroluminescent coating by vapour deposition, a vessel heated by a suitable heating means, sensor means to provide information as to the distance between the heating means and the surface of the deposition material, wherein the special technical feature is considered to reside in the regulation of the temperature of the surface of the heated source material by controlling the mode by which several portions of the heating means are powered.

3. claims: 18-23

This invention is basically directed to a system comprising a vapour deposition chamber, a source material for depositing an electroluminescent coating by vapour deposition, a vessel heated by a suitable heating means, wherein the special technical feature is considered to reside in the dimensions of the opening provided in the vessel comprising the source material relative to the lateral dimensions of the substrate on to which the electroluminescent coating is to be applied and preferably in conjunction with means adapted to horizontally move the vessel comprising the source material.

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